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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

18 Jany, 1886.

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In further reply to the inquiry in yours of 11th inst., concerning the "nature of the evidence" which influenced me in dispensing with the services of Mr Walsh, permit me here to add to my letter of the 13th, by giving the following reasons why I attribute the anonymous letter to him.

In doing this you will notice that I address myself principally to a examination and comparison of the literal forms in both the anonymous letter, and his writing as appears on the books of this office.

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Further reason why the anonymous letter was written by Mr Walz.

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The following similarities and reasons are corroborative:-

The subjects of the anonymous letter - "loss of pay during permitted absence" and "bonding of employes" had been subjects of conversation and depreciation by Mr. Wahn and he had been heard to advise

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I have to request that you will return the Register and other papers at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully

Dan M Fox

Superintendent

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

18 Jany, 1886.

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent.

Concerning anonymous letter & correspondence of Edward Waln, Jr.

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
January 20, 1886.

Respectfully returned to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with the within-named papers.

Jas. P. Kimball

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Director of the Mint.

Recd. Jan 21/86

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[Abstract:] Further reason why the anonymous letter was written by Mr. Waln.

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[Noted on back:]

Treasury Department;
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January 20, 1886

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